

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1489–S1563

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3110–3117, and S. Res. 454–455. **Page S1516**

Measures Reported:

S. 2865, to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act (2 U.S.C. 801 et seq.). (S. Rept. No. 111–163)

S. 1789, to restore fairness to Federal cocaine sentencing, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1516**

Measures Passed:

Honoring Harriet Tubman: Senate agreed to S. Res. 455, honoring the life, heroism, and service of Harriet Tubman. **Page S1562**

National Emergency Medical Services Memorial: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 53, recognizing and congratulating the City of Colorado Springs, Colorado, as the new official site of the National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Service and the National Emergency Medical Services Memorial, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S1562–63**

Measures Considered:

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—House Message: Senate resumed consideration of the amendments of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2847, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1500–13**

Pending:

Durbin motion to concur in the amendments of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Page S1500**

Durbin motion to concur in the amendments of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the

Senate to the bill, with Durbin Amendment No. 3498 (to the motion to concur in the amendments of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate), of a perfecting nature. **Page S1500**

Durbin Amendment No. 3499 (to Amendment No. 3498), of a perfecting nature. **Page S1500**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 61 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 49), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to concur in the amendments of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Page S1501**

Durbin motion to refer in the amendments of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill to the Senate Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, Durbin Amendment No. 3500, to provide for a study, fell when cloture was invoked on the motion to concur in the amendments of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Pages S1500–01**

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Durbin Amendment No. 3502 (to Amendment No. 3501), of a perfecting nature, fell when Durbin Amendment No. 3501 (to Amendment No. 3500), of a perfecting nature fell. **Pages S1500–01**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the motion to concur in the amendments of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 17, 2010, all post-cloture time be considered expired, the motion to concur with an amendment

be withdrawn, and no further amendments or motions be in order, except as provided in the DeMint motion to suspend; that it be in order for Senator DeMint to offer a motion to suspend the rules in order to offer an amendment, and that if the motion is offered, Senator DeMint be recognized for up to 10 minutes; that upon disposition of the DeMint motion, Senate then vote on the motion to concur in the amendments of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Page S1513**

Appointments:

President's Export Council: The Chair, pursuant to Executive Order 12131, as amended and extended, reappointed and appointed the following Members to the President's Export Council:

Reappointment:

Senators Stabenow and Brown (OH)

Appointment:

Senator Wyden vice Senator Dorgan **Page S1563**

Tax on Bonuses Received From Certain TARP Recipients—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, Senate resume consideration of H.R. 1586, to impose an additional tax on bonuses received from certain TARP recipients, at 2:15 p.m. on Tuesday, March 16, 2010; provided further, that during any recess, adjournment or period of morning business, post-cloture time continue to run. **Page S1513**

Judge G. Thomas Porteous, Jr. Impeachment—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Secretary of the Senate inform the House of Representatives that the Senate is ready to receive the managers appointed by the House for the purpose of exhibiting articles of impeachment against G. Thomas Porteous, Jr., Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, agreeable to the notice communicated to the Senate, and at the hour of 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 17, 2010, the Senate will receive the honorable managers on the part of the House of Representatives in order that they may present and exhibit the said articles of impeachment against the said G. Thomas Porteous, Jr., Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. **Page S1562**

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Text of H.R. 4213 as Previously Passed: **Page S1533–62**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—49) **Page S1501**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 8:05 p.m., until 10:15 a.m. on Tuesday, March 16, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1563.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: On Friday, March 12, 2010, Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on AirLand: Senators Lieberman (Chair), Bayh, Webb, McCaskill, Hagan, Begich, Burris, Kaufman, Thune, Inhofe, Sessions, Chambliss, Brown (MA), and Burr.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities: Senators Nelson (FL) (Chair), Byrd, Reed, Nelson (NE), Bayh, Udall (CO), Bingaman, Kaufman, LeMieux, Graham, Wicker, Brown (MA), Burr, and Collins.

Subcommittee on Personnel: Senators Webb (Chair), Lieberman, Akaka, Nelson (NE), McCaskill, Hagan, Begich, Burris, Bingaman, Graham, Chambliss, Thune, Wicker, LeMieux, Vitter, and Collins.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support: Senators Bayh (Chair), Byrd, Akaka, McCaskill, Udall (CO), Burris, Burr, Inhofe, Chambliss, and Thune.

Subcommittee on Seapower: Senators Reed (Chair), Lieberman, Akaka, Nelson (FL), Webb, Hagan, Kaufman, Wicker, Sessions, LeMieux, Vitter, and Collins.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces: Senators Nelson (NE) (Chair), Byrd, Reed, Nelson (FL), Udall (CO), Begich, Bingaman, Vitter, Sessions, Inhofe, Graham, and Brown (MA).

Senators Levin and McCain serve as ex-officio members of each of the Subcommittees.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 6 public bills, H.R. 4842–4848; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 1182–1183 were introduced. **Page H1440**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1440–41**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Hirono to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1399**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:41 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H1400**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Recognizing the University of Arizona's 125 years of dedication to excellence in higher education: H. Res. 1145, amended, to recognize the University of Arizona's 125 years of dedication to excellence in higher education, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 392 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 112; **Pages H1401–02, H1408–09**

Congratulating the winners of the Voice of Democracy national scholarship program: H. Res. 1170, to congratulate the winners of the Voice of Democracy national scholarship program, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 384 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 113; **Pages H1402–03, H1409–10**

Recognizing Washington State University Honors College for 50 years of excellence: H. Res. 1163, to recognize Washington State University Honors College for 50 years of excellence, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 389 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 114; **Pages H1403–04, H1410**

Directing the Secretary of Education to establish and administer an awards program recognizing excellence exhibited by public school system employees: H.R. 2377, to direct the Secretary of Education to establish and administer an awards program recognizing excellence exhibited by public school system employees providing services to students in pre-kindergarten through higher education; and **Pages H1404–06**

Recognizing the cultural and historical significance of Nowruz: H. Res. 267, to recognize the cultural and historical significance of Nowruz, to express appreciation to Iranian-Americans for their contributions to society, and to wish Iranian-Americans and the people of Iran a prosperous new year, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 384 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 115. **Pages H1407–08, H1410–11**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:04 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H1408**

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Sergeant Christopher R. Hrbek Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 4628, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 216 Westwood Avenue in Westwood, New Jersey, as the "Sergeant Christopher R. Hrbek Post Office Building". **Pages H1406–07**

Discharge Petition: Representative Jones presented to the clerk a motion to discharge the Committee on Armed Services from the consideration of H.R. 775, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan to offset the receipt of veterans dependency and indemnity compensation (Discharge Petition No. 10).

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H1400.

Senate Referrals: S. 1147 was held at the desk. **Page H1400**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yeas-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1409, H1409–10, H1410 and H1410–11. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:41 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CIA COMPARTMENTED PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Select Intelligence Oversight Panel met in executive session to hold a hearing on CIA Compartmented Programs. Testimony was heard from Michael J. Sulick, Director, National Clandestine Service, CIA.

MILITARY FAMILY SUPPORT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on legislative priorities in support of families. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

RECONCILIATION ACT OF 2010

Committee on the Budget: Ordered reported the Reconciliation Act of 2010.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2010

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine U.S. Special Operations Command and U.S. Central Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2011 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Bureau of Reclamation's implementation of the SECURE Water Act, (Title 9501 of Public Law 111-11) and the Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART program which includes the WaterSMART Grant Program, the Basin Study Program and the Title XVI Program, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Robert Stephen Ford, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Syrian Arab Republic, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine assessing foster care and family services in the District of Columbia, focusing on challenges and solutions, 2 p.m., SD-342.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be immediately followed by a closed hearing to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, on FY 2011 Budget and Economic Outlook, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, on Department of Justice FY 2011 Budget Overview, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on U.S. Central Command, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies, on Department of Energy: Environmental Management, Legacy Management, 2011 Budget, 2 p.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on FY 2011 Citizenship and Immigration Services Budget, 2 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, on Preserving America's Culture and National Treasures: The National Park Service FY 2011 Budget Request, 3 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, on Strengthening Intermodal Connections and Improving Freight Mobility: An Outside Perspective, 2 p.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on FY 2011 National Defense Authorization

Budget Request for the military services' operation and maintenance funding, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on status of United States strategic forces, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on Protecting America's Workers Act: Modernizing OSHA Penalties, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, to markup H.R. 847, James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy, and Trade, hearing entitled "Rebuilding Haiti's Competitiveness and Private Sector," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness and Response, hearing entitled "Ensuring Strong FEMA Regional Offices: An Examination of Resources and Responsibilities," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology, to markup a measure to authorize appropriations for the Directorate of Science and Technology of the Department of Homeland Security for fiscal years 2011 and 2012, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on Federal Rule-making and the Regulatory Process, 11 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, hearing on H.R. 3335, Democracy Restoration Act of 2009, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife, oversight hearing on Catch Shares as a Management Option: Criteria for Ensuring Success, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia, hearing entitled "Federal Employee Workplace Security," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, to continue hearings entitled, "U.S. Aid to Pakistan (Part II): Planning and Accountability," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing on Rare Earth Minerals and 21st Century Industry, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Research and Science Education, hearing on Broadening Participation in STEM, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on the National Taxpayer Advocate's 2009 Report to Congress on the most serious problems encountered by taxpayers, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, hearing on National Reconnaissance Program/National Reconnaissance Organization Budget for FY 2011, 2 p.m., 304 HVC.

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, hearing entitled "Clearing the Smoke: Understanding

the Impacts of Black Carbon Pollution,” 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine Ukraine, focusing on the new challenges and prospects they face domestically and internationally and implications for U.S. policy, 10 a.m., SVC-201/200.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10:15 a.m., Tuesday, March 16

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 12:30 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 1586, Tax on Bonuses Received From Certain TARP Recipients at approximately 2:15 p.m.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 16

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of the following suspensions: (1) H. Res. 311—Expressing the support of the House of Representatives for the goals and ideals of Red Cross Month; (2) H. Res. 605—Recognizing the continued persecution of Falun Gong practitioners in China on the 10th anniversary of the Chinese Communist Party campaign to suppress the Falun Gong spiritual movement and calling for an immediate end to the campaign to persecute, intimidate, imprison, and torture

Falun Gong practitioners; (3) H. Res. 1128—Thanking Vancouver for hosting the world during the 2010 Winter Olympics and honoring the athletes from Team USA; (4) H. Res. 1089—Recognizing the 150th anniversary of Augustana College; (5) H. Res. 1167—Expressing the support of the House of Representatives for the goals and ideals of Professional Social Work Month and World Social Work Day; (6) H.R. 4252—Inland Empire Perchlorate Ground Water Plume Assessment Act; (7) H.R. 2788—Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial Act; (8) H.R. 4003—Hudson River Valley Special Resource Study Act; (9) H.R. 3671—Upper Mississippi River Basin Protection Act; (10) H.R. 4192—Stornetta Public Lands Outstanding Natural Area Act; (11) H.R. 1769—Alpine Lakes Wilderness Additions and Pratt and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Rivers Protection Act; (12) H.R. 4395—To revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station; (13) H.R. 4825—To require any amounts remaining in a Member's Representational Allowance at the end of a fiscal year to be deposited in the Treasury and used for deficit reduction or to reduce the Federal debt; (14) H.R. —Directing the Clerk to create a separate section of the congressional record to provide for CBO scores; (15) H.R. 946—Plain Language Act of 2009; (16) H.R. 1320—Federal Advisory Committee Act Amendments of 2009; (17) H.R. 1387—Electronic Message Preservation Act; (18) H.R. 4214—The "Roy Wilson Post Office" Designation Act.

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